STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR September 15, 2009

The following statement was released today by Governor Haley Barbour:

"I want to congratulate William Carey University for achieving a significant milestone that carries tremendous potential for improvements in healthcare and economic progress in Mississippi. The granting of provisional accreditation to William Carey's College of Osteopathic Medicine is very good news. It means osteopathic medicine students can earn their degrees and become practicing physicians and major contributors to Mississippi's economy, and also holds the promise of more Mississippi-educated and trained physicians helping meet underserved medical needs in our state."

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